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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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- This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
- This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.
- This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:
 - ☒ (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of 9 sheets, as follows:
 - ☒ sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).
 - ☐ sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.
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- This report contains indications relating to the following items:
 - ☒ Box No. I Basis of the report
 - ☐ Box No. II Priority
 - ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
 - ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - ☒ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
 - ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
 - ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:
 - ☒ The international application in the language in which it was filed
 - ☐ A translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1 (b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
 - ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
 - ☒ the description:
 - pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
 - pages* 1-4 received by this Authority on 24 April 2006 with the letter of 24 April 2006
 - pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____ with the letter of _____
 - ☒ the claims:
 - pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
 - pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 - pages* 5-6 received by this Authority on 24 April 2006 with the letter of 24 April 2006
 - pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____ with the letter of _____
 - ☒ the drawings:
 - pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
 - pages* 1/3-3/3 received by this Authority on 24 April 2006 with the letter of 24 April 2006
 - pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____ with the letter of _____
 - ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - ☐ the description, pages _____
 - ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
 - ☒ the drawings, sheet 1 as originally filed
 - ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
 - ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
 - ☐ the description, pages _____
 - ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 - ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
 - ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-14	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-14	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-14	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following documents identified in the International Search Report have been considered for the purposes of this report:

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| (i) | WO 2004/010011 | (iv) | WO 2001/069547 |
| (ii) | WO 2004/001235 | (v) | WO 1999/047819 |
| (iii) | WO 2002/007971 | | |

Novelty (N) and Inventive Step (IS) Claims 1-14

The amended claims are directed to a fastening system including two or more fasteners which are locked or unlocked upon receipt of a suitable signal, the fastening system being characterised by including a single carrier having a plurality of faces and a plurality of fasteners, with at least one fastener being located on one face of the carrier and another fastener being located on another of the faces of the carrier.

No individual document, nor obvious combination of documents, discloses a fastening system have all of these features.

The closest art of document (i) discloses in Figure 12 a fastening system including two or more fasteners which are locked or unlocked upon receipt of a suitable signal, the fastening system being characterised by including a single carrier having a plurality of faces and a plurality of fasteners. However, all of the fasteners are located on one face of the carrier rather than being located on at least two different faces of the carrier as is defined in the claims.

(See also Box No. VI)

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Box No. VI Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

<u>Application No.</u> <u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Publication date</u> <u>(day/month/year)</u>	<u>Filing date</u> <u>(day/month/year)</u>	<u>Priority date (valid claim)</u> <u>(day/month/year)</u>
P, A WO 2004/101216 A	25 November 2004	13 May 2004	13 May 2003
P, A WO 2004/085860 A	7 October 2004	24 March 2004	24 March 2003
P, A WO 2004/082444 A	30 September 2004	17 March 2004	17 March 2003
P, A WO 2004/046568 A	3 June 2004	19 November 2003	19 November 2002

See also Box No. V.2

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

Kind of non-written disclosure

Date of non-written disclosure
(day/month/year)

Date of written disclosure
referring to non-written disclosure
(day/month/year)